



**ACAC Grants Committee
(Arlington Cultural Council)**

July 12, 2021 Minutes

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Nick Castellano, Recording Secretary	p	Emily Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary	x
Andrew Conway, Treasurer	x	Scott Samenfeld, Publicity Coordinator	p
Susan Larson, Chair	p	Todd Brunel	p
Brian McMurray, guest	p		

Remote Participation Following Executive Order on Remote Participation

Date and Time: July 12th, 2021 7:30pm

MINUTES

1. Review June Meeting Minutes (approval vote moved to Aug 2021 meeting)

There are not five members present so there is no quorum present. We are not able to approve the June meeting's minutes.

2. Grantee Updates and Discussion of 2021 Grantee Table

The committee discussed waiting for the Haiku in the Heights project and waiting for the forms necessary for reimbursement. iSusan discussed seeing the Tory Fair Portable Window in person. Todd discussed that the "Dickens You Say" project requested to move the project to next year. Scott provided some context around the Robbins library projects and the previous year of covid extensions. The committee discussed the reasonableness of this request, given the past year's limitations. Due to quorum limitations we will postpone a vote to August.

The Nourish project had an event this past week that was successful. Arlington Author salon had one of their quarterly events in July, the Kalliope Reed quintet concert will occur in August.

3. Treasurer Report

The Treasurer Report will be postponed until we can vote

4. Corresponding Secretary Update

Todd received an email about receiving and distributing Artist Rescue Plan funding through the National Endowment for the Arts. July 22nd is the deadline for sub granting funds organizations for applying for grant funding that they can redistribute to local artists. The committee elected not to pursue but to recommend the sub grants application to the ACAC proper.

5. Publicity Update

Scott brought up the problem and opportunity represented by Town day. The Grants Committee should plan to staff the table at Town Day. The Committee needs to confirm if Town day is cancelled and, if not, begin planning on printing materials and staffing our booth for the event.

6. Final Reports received

The committee did not receive any new Final Reports.

7. 2022 Grant Cycle Pre-Planning

There will be a meeting about the new grants management software event taking place on July 29th. Susan will be attending and would like as many people to attend as possible. In August we will need to begin to prepare our priorities and begin distributing materials for people to meetings. Additionally we will need to decide on whether or not we will have extra presentations as a part of our grant process. A discussion of the merits and values of the program followed. Additional discussion of the steps needed to plan for the next grant cycle were discussed including creating some evergreen materials. The committee will have a grant info session in September on a date to be voted on next month.

8. Other Business

Susan mentioned that we have about 40 responses to our survey and thought that were some valuable responses that will help to inform our council's priorities this year. The ACAC will have a gathering for the committee and subcommittees on July 29th that everyone has been invited to. The ACAC also requested that we add events where possible to the ACAC calendar.

9. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

Submitted by Nick Castellano, Recording Secretary